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.....5.0. 12065: RDS 1 4/17/85 (SCHLAIKJER S) OR-V
AGS: SREF, CVIS, SHJM, AF, PK
SUBJECT: (U) GOP ASKS UN FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

(U) APRIL 17 ISSUE OF PAKISTAN TIMES CARRIED BRIEF
 NEWS ITEM WHICH STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
 HAS MADE AN OFFICIAL APPROACH TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR
 HELP IN COPING WITH THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE CROSSED
 THE BORDER FROM AFGHANISTAN." ARTICLE NOTES BBC
 CORRESPONDENT IN PAKISTAN HAS REPORTED THE NUMBER OF
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REFUGEES TO BE 45,000 WHILE SUGGESTING THAT UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATES PUT THE FIGURE EVEN HIGHER.

2. (U) TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS FIRST PUBLICIZED REPORT THAT GOP HAS APPEALED FOR UN HELP IN DEALING WITH AFGHAN REFUGEES.

3. (C) FYI-PLEASE PROTECT: IN CONSULTATIONS WITH UNHCR OFFICIALS IN GENEVA 4/11/79, EMBASSY CONSULAR

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OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT UNHCR IS DELIBERATING OVER GOP'S
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. UNHCR DEPUTY CHIEF OF RESETTLE-
MENT DIVISION EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT UNHCR WOULD SOON
SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO PAKISTAN TO ASSESS REFUGEE
SITUATION. UNDP DEPUTY RESIDENT REP IN ISLAMABAD
CONFIRMED 4/17/79 THAT UN HIGH COMMISSIONER AND
PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR TO UN GENEVA RECENTLY HELD TALKS
RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF UN MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE
FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. EMBASSY OFFICER'S
IMPRESSION FROM MEETING IN GENEVA AND FROM TALKS WITH
UNDP ISLAMABAD IS THAT UNHCR'S FUTURE EFFORTS IN
PAKISTAN WILL BE RESTRICTED TO REFUGEE MAINTENANCE--
I.E. MATERIAL ASSISTANCE--AND NOT RESETTLEMENT OF
REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES. END FYI.

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